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MS. DETRAZ: My name is Marjory Detraz and I live in Alamo in Lincoln County.

MS. SWEENEY: If you wouldn't mind hitting the button. Now they can hear you better.

1 MS. DETRAZ: Fine. As -- as you know, I spoke at the EIS meeting in Caliente. I'm definitely opposed to nuclear waste going through our county and being stored in Nevada. I'm a -- I'm not only a native of Lincoln County, but I'm a native Nevadan, also, and I love Nevada. I don't see why we should take someone else's garbage; we didn't generate it; we didn't make any money off of it, and most of my remarks today -- tonight are going to be taken from this article in the Las Vegas Sun dated Sunday, December 5th, 1999, so this is very recent.

I don't suppose you can see it, but this is a picture, and you can see that it's highly technical. It says: "Engineers on-duty inside the live control room at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in southern Maryland -- southern Maryland, Calvert Cliffs would send its solid waste to Yucca Mountain under a current proposal," and they've titled this called The Day of Reckoning, and I scratched out reckoning and I called it the Day of Infamy.

"Nuke plants running out of space as they wait for Yucca decision" and they start out by telling you how beautiful it is back in -- in Calvert Cliffs County, Maryland that you can -- oh, you can see the green forests and they're awash in red and gold and rust and the white-tailed deer dart into the woods and a bald eagle soars and sea breezes blow.

2 "This beautiful setting seems a strange place to find one of the nastiest substances on earth, but -- but nestled in this former Maryland tobacco farm is the state's only nuclear power plant where two 850 megawatt nuclear reactors generate electricity for 450,000 households and thirty-five to forty tons of highly radioactive nuclear waste a year.

"The waste at Cal -- Calvert Cliffs like any other produced by 103 reactors at seventy-two plants nationwide spent uranium fuel rods stored in pools of water inside the plant. The waste is a sample of the radioactive material bound for permanent storage in Nevada." They've already decided that.

"Under a current proposal, Calvert Cliffs and the rest of the nation's plants want to shore their -- store their waste in a single site, a geologic repository inside Yucca Mountain.

"The plants are running out of space," said Steven Ungelsbee, spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute, the industry's powerful lobbying arm." Get that word "lobbying" in there.

"The day of reckoning is here, and the glimpse inside Calvert Cliffs offers insight into the nuclear industry's campaign to make Nevada a nuclear burial ground." I wonder if they're talking about people. And you know, we hear from our opposition all the time how safe this stuff is. Okay. Can't see this picture, and by the way, I have a lot of these Xeroxed, so anyone that wants to come up and get one afterwards, I'll be glad to share them with you.

MR. LAWSON: Please leave one for the exhibit, if you would.

MS. BROWN: I've got one.

3... MS. DETRAZ: Okay. Here's the picture and they've got the cask here and it says: "Armed guards and radiation experts escort a truck transporting a nuclear waste cask from an indoor storage pool at Calvert Cliffs, nuclear power plant to an outdoor storage bunker nearby," and they've got guns and they've got masks on their faces and they've just got this cask surrounded, and it's just going to a grove of trees.

...3 I wonder what they'd -- what terrorists would do with it if it takes -- for one cask for all these people to guard it to this extent? I was really glad that Mateo mentioned Senator Murkowski. He's not one of my favorite people, I'll tell you, and he's mentioned quite a bit in this article. I hope I can find it. It's a lengthy article and I don't want to go on too long because I know that you've been here a long time, and --

MR. LAWSON: And you are over five minutes, so I'd ask you if you could to summarize.

MS. DETRAZ: Okay.

MR. LAWSON: Please leave the whole article.

4... MS. DETRAZ: Well, I would just like to state a couple of things here about Senator Murkowski and Senator Larry Craig. Senator Craig's from Idaho and Frank Murkowski is of course from Alaska, and "they want to send the nation's nuclear waste, eventually 77,000 tons to Nevada for permanent storage." Let me see here. I'll try to skip down here.

"Craig and Murkowski are gearing up for another debate on the bill to come after Congress resumes. The two will continue to clash with Bryan and Reid, Democrats who are well known for opposing waste storage in Nevada."

"The biggest problem is what to do with the waste in this country." Now get this: "It's a political problem," Craig said. "It's not a scientific problem. It's not an engineering problem. It's purely political."

Not in my backyard, and I tell him, "Mr. Murkowski, not know my front yard, either."

"This is something the country has to do," Craig said. "We cannot sit idly by and let nuclear waste pile up across the country," and you might want to know that they've had a lot of nuclear waste stored in -- in Idaho and they just recently shipped it all down to WIPP down in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and even at that, it's some that had been there for fifty years, and I thought to myself boy, that ought to be in great shape to reload and drag it halfway across the country and pass over a lot of states."

MR. LAWSON: Ms. Detraz, could I ask you to finish up your comments, or wait until everyone else has spoken to come back?

MS. DETRAZ: I'm just about through. Okay?

MR. LAWSON: Okay.

...4 MS. DETRAZ: All right. Let's see. Kind of hard to skip around here. "It's safer, cheaper and more efficient to store the waste in one place," Craig said. Yucca seems the safest place to store it. He said, 'scientists have been studying Yucca for years to determine if it's the best location for waste with no final conclusions.' There should never be a conclusion to that one.

"Murkowski assumed the lead role in advocating Yucca because he is chairman of a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee." He said: "Alaska has no stored nuclear waste." Isn't that a surprise? "I have an obligation to address the oversight and we all have a responsibility to do something with it," Murkowski said."

Well, I can tell you, Mr. Murkowski. Take it up to Alaska. We've had our turn. You take it. Okay. I guess that's -- I've spoken as long as I feel that I should, but I have a lot more to say.

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But I -- you know, if you've -- if you've ever sat by and watched a loved one die of cancer, and we see it everyday. It's just -- next week it will just be another new name, another burial, another tragedy, another grief, and you know, we've taken our turn.

We took it through the '40s and '50s when they were testing out there, and I don't believe that we should take it again. We have taken our turn. Let the senators from the -- from the other states, if it's so great, so safe, let them all have it, because, you know, I think their attitude is if they're dumb enough to take it, they're smart enough to give it to us, and no thank you, gentlemen. Thank you.